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Wilson helps protect Air Force, community

*By Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola
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The next time you hear the words “force protection,” remember Senior Airman Justin Wilson. Through his initiative and perseverance, he elevates force protection to a new level.

As a security apprentice with the 94th Security Forces Squadron, Wilson was named Airman of the Quarter for last quarter. He not only excelled within that quarter, but accomplished many different tasks throughout the year, elevating him into the top airman spot for the year.

Wilson is recognized as a highly motivated, committed team player and leader. His intuition led to the procurement of specialized training for crowd control while he was working with civil-



McGeehan leads the way for junior NCOs

*By Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola
Public Affairs*

When the 94th Security Forces Squadron leaders need to accomplish challenging tasks, Tech. Sgt. Bernard McGeehan is the person often called on to get the job done. He not only accomplishes the mission, he sets the pace when he tackles a project.

McGeehan, 94th Security Forces Squadron, training resources, spends time providing training and assistance in organizing the development and preparation of critical course documentation, lesson plans, student workbooks, and instructional materials for security force personnel and augmentees. His commitment was never needed more than during the recent mobilization of force protection.



Duncan airlifted above the rest

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Senior Master Sgt. Michael W. Duncan was awarded Senior NCO of the Year honors by setting high standards for those he works with. During the last 10 years, he averaged four deployments a year, conducting staff assistance visits, unit effectiveness inspections and operational readiness evaluations.

As an aircraft production superintendent for the 94th Maintenance Squadron, Duncan demonstrates the ability to motivate, communicate and understand the needs of assigned personnel in the accomplishment of the unit's mission.

In addition to his abilities, Duncan also has extensive experience on five aircraft weapon systems and multiple Air Force specialty skills. His experience and dedication enabled him to be selected as a



700th First Sergeant named best in wing for 2001

*By Staff Sgt. Brannen Parrish
Public Affairs*

Master Sgt. Dale Griffith, first sergeant of the 700th Airlift Squadron was named 94th Airlift Wing First Sergeant of the Year for 2001.

An Atlanta native, Griffith was selected to represent the 94th Airlift Wing as its nominee for the 22nd Air Force First Sergeant of the Year by 11 other wing first sergeants.

“First of all it is an honor,” said Griffith, “As a first sergeant you don’t strive to be recognized because it’s the first sergeant’s job to strive to get others recognized. When your peers honor you for that, it’s wonderful.”

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(Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

By Lt. Col. Heath Nuckolls
94th Operations Group, commander

Self-inspection. Talk about a bad term. It is a word with a stigma so powerful that it's only whispered among small groups in dark corners of dimly lit rooms. With the resurrection of the self-inspection program within the command and an upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection, it is a term that you will hear more often. I've had the unique opportunity of working at the 22nd Air Force for the last few years. One aspect of their mission is to conduct Unit Staff Assistance Visits. I entered the Reserve at the unit level, and I can remember when we were told to create the self-inspection checklist in preparation for a UCI. In those days there was much moaning, groaning and gnashing of teeth. It took valuable time and energy away from a day that was already too short to accomplish everything that needed to be done. Typically, we began blowing the dust off the checklists, or in some cases, building checklists a few months prior to the inspection; when it was over we shelved the checklists until the next inspection. We have a tendency to do whatever it takes in order to get the job done — hopefully within regulatory guidance. Having spent some time on the

other side of the fence, I have become a strong advocate for the self-inspection process and let me tell you why.

I'm a firm believer in conducting daily business as though you are subject to daily inspections. Unfortunately, in my previous life there were occasions in which I had to investigate a unit because of an incident. The methods units use to conduct their daily operations become obvious very quickly. In most cases, I discovered that the unit was not following its procedures on a daily basis or that the unit did not have processes in place. If the unit had a process or if the unit had followed their documented process, then the incident probably could have been avoided. The self-inspection process helps ensure we are following the guidance provided by regulations when we are at work.

Checklists and self-inspections are not there to tell you what is being done wrong; they are there to tell you how to do things right and identify potential problems. They also provide a means of reference to ensure that you are staying on track with your duties and that you are accomplishing your mission within the unit. In addition, they provide a starting point for any individual who may follow behind you in your job. I am sure that many of you have found yourself in a job with no one to train you because your predecessor had left or retired and did not leave behind a turnover binder. To make matters worse there may have been little or no reference material to describe the proper processes for conducting daily business. Think about how much easier your job would have been had a documented process been in place when you arrived.

Now is the time to blow the dust off those checklists. It is time to update them, or even build new checklists. As we prepare for the upcoming UCI, keep in mind that you are not preparing for an inspection but looking internally to determine if your business processes are in line with regulatory guidance. Though we tend to believe that the self-inspection is a nuisance, it can be a useful tool if applied properly.

As a side note, I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me to the 94th Airlift Wing Operations Group. In my short time at the 94th, I have met many outstanding individuals and I look forward to working with you all.

Top-Three Connection



By Chief Master Sgt. James Woods
94th Airlift Wing, command chief

I arrived at Dobbins almost two years ago and I must say that my tour here has been a great experience. I have made many new friends and formed professional relationships that have greatly enhanced my life. Just like many of you, I must balance my job as a reservist with my full-time civilian employment and I continually must make tough choices between my family, civilian employer and our great country. We do it without hesitation because we love our Air Force life.

When I joined, I did it largely for patriotism; I wanted to serve my country. I remember how proud I was to wear the Air Force blue and to sing the Air Force song, as I still am proud today. Others joined for many other reasons. I think most of stay because the Air Force matches our values. Those values are articulated

formally in the Air Force core values: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all that we do. I cannot emphasize enough how important these values are to helping us "be all that we can be." Our senior commissioned officers and senior non-commissioned officers here at Dobbins and throughout the Air Force must continue to lead by example and work hard to mentor our junior officers, junior non-commissioned officers and young airmen because we represent what young men and women see in the Air Force.

Our supervisors are key players in the continued success of the wing mission. A good supervisor is always thinking of developing his or her people and is constantly encouraging them to realize their goals — personally and professionally. Our workforce is very diverse and that within itself is enough to tell a supervisor that they must continually work on self-development to stay on top of resolving various conflicts that may arise in the workplace. If conflicts were handled at the supervisory level, few would even get to the unit commander, let alone the wing commander. So, our leadership and our mentoring are part of the core-value concept, and part of that is maintaining a sharp appearance, and rendering proper courtesies.

On Sept. 11, 2001, we witnessed a terrible tragedy within our country. As awful as it was, it did bring all Americans together. At Dobbins, we had to adjust to a lot of changes such as covering up parking spaces, covering names on building and just tightening our overall security on the base. Due to the nature of the situation, we had to relax on a number of norms like customs and courtesies and wearing BDUs became more common. However, now that we are in Force Protection Condition Bravo, I would just like to remind everyone that we never have lowered our military bearing but we can see this as an opportunity to sharpen our image.

We must get back to observing cus-

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toms and courtesies — for example, when a colonel or above walks into our workplace, we must come to attention unless they are part of our workforce and are always there. We should recognize our wing commander's cars and salute when we see it approaching. (Remember we don't do those things in Force Protection Condition Charlie, to protect our leaders, not out of disrespect). We must be aware at all times that we have two Generals on this base. As for dress and appearance, we must get back to blousing our BDUs over our boots instead of in our boots. For those of you that are a little bit curious, you may find it in AFI-36-2903, pp41, in table 2.2. You are all doing a great job, but an occasional reminder can't hurt.

To be "the best that we can be" we must constantly practice so that it will become second nature for us when others are visiting. We must remember that regardless of how friendly we get with the generals, the courtesies are based on the rank position. Do it for the rank and all it stands for. As I have said many times we are on a high-profile base. In the past year, The Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Air Force, the Chairman Joint Chief of Staff and the Chief of Staff have all visited Dobbins. We certainly want them to have a positive first impression.

So, what is the take-home message:

1. Are you up on customs and courtesies?
2. Are you as sharp as possible?
3. If you are an officer or senior

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ian security personnel at Hartsfield International Airport during a presidential visit. His primary duties are to provide routine and enhanced law enforcement, resource protection, traffic control and protection security. Taking his job one step further, Wilson requested permission from his local police department to use his K-9 dog unit for Dobbins ARB, providing additional detection capability.

"Airman Wilson has shown nothing but excellence and outstanding leadership qualities since being assigned to the 94th Security Forces Squadron," said Maj. Jeffrey J. Tousignant, 94th Security Forces commander. "He continues to excel in every task we assign him."

Not only does Wilson excel at Dobbins, he excels with his involvement in the community. He participates in a mentoring program that helps troubled and underprivileged teenagers and provides assistance in the Adopt-A-School program at Milton High School.

Recently Wilson completed the Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Development Course and is currently working toward a bachelor of science degree in Criminal Justice.

NCO, are you setting a good example for junior NCOs and airman?

4. Would you want the Secretary of The Air Force's first impression of Dobbins and the 94th be of you? That is, would the Secretary say: Sharp or slovenly?

You are the key to our impression we make in the world, and I want it to be a good one.



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McGeehan was also recognized by wing leadership for his outstanding ability to plan, organize and direct large operational groups and activities. He is solely responsible for coordinating all weapons training for the 94th Airlift Wing.

"He is an exceptional non-commissioned officer," says Maj. Jeffrey Tousignant, 94th Security Forces Squadron commander. "He always presents a positive attitude."

When the squadron was tasked to increase the force protection status for critical infrastructure assets after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, McGeehan was committed to the task and volunteered countless hours to meet the initial manpower challenges in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

Throughout the year he also performed additional duty as Range Safety Officer while assisting the Navy ROTC detachment from Georgia State University with M-16 and M-9 familiarization.

McGeehan is also committed to community projects by his involvement with the Georgia State Law Enforcement Motorcycle Instructor / Rider course and the United Quest soccer club team Father Program.

Educating Dobbins personnel and the community is something McGeehan works countless hours toward, which is a direct benefit to his bachelor and master degrees in Education.

From Airmen to junior NCO's



During the Noncommissioned Officer Induction ceremony on Sunday, Feb. 3 several new NCOs were inducted. This ceremony marks an important milestone in these NCOs military career. During the ceremony, the group enjoyed a continental breakfast, a presentation of colors, a history of the NCO Corps and a reading of the charge. (Photo by Don Peek)

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Command Volant Rodeo maintenance umpire four consecutive years.

Achieving high goals is nothing new to Duncan. Before the 94th Airlift Wing's Unit Compliance Inspection, he conducted management inspections on all Maintenance Squadron Flights and Logistics Support Squadron Staff functions resulting in an overall "pass" rating from the Air Force Reserve Command Inspection team. Last June the Georgia Chapter of the Air Force Association selected him as the 2000 Airlifter of the year.

Tasked by the Air Force Reserve Command and the 22nd Air Force, Duncan developed a refurbishment initiative, including scheduling and allocating manpower and equipment, in order to accomplish overdue refurbishment inspections on the commands' C-5 aircrafts. Through his efforts, 32 AFRC C-5 aircraft were completely refurbished.

"Duncan is truly vital to our aircraft production efforts and is a superb Senior NCO," said Col. Fredrick Alley, 94th Logistics Group commander. "His dedication and commitment to excellence has enhanced the ability of the unit to meet and exceed all mission requirements."

Duncan also has a strong tie to the community. In his spare time, he coordinates River of Life community projects that build porches, wheel chair ramps and roofs for the needy. He also assists with the Helping Hands Ministry in Paulding County's Feeding the Hungry program.

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After serving nine years on active duty with the Air Force, Griffith joined the Air Force Reserve in 1990 and has served at Dobbins since.

Griffith directed all unit policies and programs from mission readiness training, retention and reserve participation, which resulted in zero percent enlisted members in overtime training and a 100 percent annual tour and UTA participation as well as more than 400 real-world airlift missions.

"Master Sgt. Griffith is an outstanding leader within the 700th Airlift Squadron," said Lt. Col. Daniel Kornacki, commander 700 AS. "He has been very instrumental in quality of life programs at not only the unit level but at the base level as well."

Griffith holds a master of science degree in Management of Technology from Southern Polytechnic State University as well as a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in Management from Kennesaw State University. He is also a past vice president and a charter member of the Dobbins Air Reserve Base Top Three Association.

Education, he says is a continual step toward self-improvement.

"You never stop learning," he noted. "Education is a lifetime process. In our military jobs, we have a responsibility to learn functions to be qualified in our field. But we also have a responsibility to learn to be leaders. I don't believe you get that education in one or two classes; you have to continually learn leadership."

Dobbins reservist represents the Air Force at event featuring Giuliani

By Staff Sgt. Brannen Parrish
Public Affairs

Some people get 15 minutes of fame in their entire lives, a very lucky few are blessed with much more.

Staff Sgt. Xavier Sanford, 80th Aerial Port Squadron, is one of those lucky few. Sanford, who also serves with the Dobbins Air Reserve Base Honor Guard, represented the base for the National Association of Homebuilder's 58th annual convention Feb. 8 at Philips Arena in Atlanta.

The event featured several prominent Americans including Olympic gold medallist Bart Connor, former world champion figure skating duo Tai Babylonia and Randy Gardner, and former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Giuliani, the events keynote speaker, gained prominence for his handling of the Sept. 11 tragedy. TIME magazine recognized Giuliani's performance during the crisis, naming him "2001 Person of the Year."



Staff Sgt. Xavier Sanford, 80th Aerial Port Squadron proudly displays the Air Force colors during a local ceremony. (Photo by Don Peek)

"Giuliani is the man right now," said Larry Musgrave, Vice President of Advanced Entertainment Group, the company responsible for logistical preparation. "We could fill this arena twice-over by booking him to do a speaking gig."

For Sanford, who has served with the Dobbins Honor Guard nearly 13 years, performing in front of nearly 30,000 spectators gets easier every time. "I've done so many events that I don't get nervous anymore. They are pretty much the same for us, when we present the colors we just need to know where to go." Sanford's honor guard experience dates back to his days at East Atlanta High School. There he participated in the school's Army Junior ROTC program. After high school he joined the Air Force and has been at Dobbins since. He has continued to work with the base honor guard because it has enhanced his "sense of pride."

"I am very proud every time I present the colors," said Sanford. "To think that I am the Air Force to these people and I may be the first and last impression they receive."

Sanford carried the Air Force colors as the orchestra played, "The U.S. Air Force." The only Air Force representative during the show, Sanford referred to his participation in the event a "reward." He also had his photo taken with Giuliani.



Staff Sgt. Xavier Sanford, 80th APS meets former NYC Mayor Rudolph Giuliani s. (Photo by Don Peek)

"It was great getting to meet him, with everything that happened he has been an important point of focus for a lot of people," said Sanford.

During his speech Giuliani reiterated the importance of American vigilance since Sept. 11.

"I hear a lot of people say that the world is a more dangerous place than it was before Sept. 11," Giuliani noted. "I don't think the

world is more dangerous. I believe Sept. 11 awakened us to the dangers out there. Because we are aware, the world is a safer place."

Giuliani also defended the War Against Terrorism. "We have to understand because we were attacked we have to fight back," he said. "We have to commit ourselves to eliminating terrorists and terrorism."

Employer recognition up since Sept. 11

By Maj. Rich Curry
507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. - Since the Sept. 11 attacks, officials at the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve report a 25 percent increase in applications for the "My Boss is a Patriot" award.

The committee established the award program as a way for members of the Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard to thank employers for their support. Committee officials in Arlington, Va., said the awards are designed to generate good will and enhance "ESGR awareness." They highly encourage reservists to use them.

"During the nearly four years I've served as manager of the Employer Recognition program, I have seen the impact that this program has in garnishing support among employers for approximately 1.3 million members in the seven reserve components," said Master Sgt. Bob Krenke of the National Committee for ESGR.

The committee receives an average of more than 20,000 My Boss is a Patriot award requests per year, but a higher headquarters budget review process caused the program to be suspended from May until October.

"We had a backlog of 8,000 nomination requests for that period, but our new contractor has pretty much caught back up with this problem," Krenke said.

Reservists can submit completed nomination forms by mail, fax or on line via the ESGR Web site: <http://www.esgr.org/formMBIAP.html>. Nominations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mail-in or faxed nominations require manual processing and therefore take longer to complete than on-line submissions, according to national ESGR officials. The on-line process will eventually replace the mail and fax processes.

ESGR also changed procedures for on-line submissions. It used to send the certificates to the unit commanders for their approval and assistance in presenting certificates.

"It has been determined that the best procedure for the MBIAP program is to provide the certificate directly to the reserve component member who submitted the nomination," Krenke said. "This puts the certificate in the hands of the service member in a very timely fashion."

Reservists have the option of presenting the certificates themselves, or arranging for their commanders to help in the presentation.

A Dec. 12 Department of Defense news release stated that 542 reservists and guardsmen had been activated within the state of Oklahoma for the war on terrorism. During the three months since Sept. 11, the Oklahoma ESGR committee received notice of roughly 100 submitted nominations, said Faye Norton, Oklahoma ESGR Awards Committee chairman. Another 130 nominations were submitted before Sept. 11. (AFRC News Service)

New board takes on Top 3 responsibilities

By Senior Airman David Atchison
Public Affairs

The new board members for the Dobbins Top Three Association hit the road running last UTA as they hosted the group's quarterly meeting. The meeting focused on a number of issues including mentoring youth and writing Enlisted Performance Reports.

"We have a responsibility to the younger generation under our leadership, we can't just leave when it's not fun anymore," said Senior Master Sgt. Linda Flythe-Bailey, 622nd Regional Support Group historian. "Protecting the country is a serious responsibility and may not always be fun," she said before introducing Dobbins newest master sergeants.

Much of the meeting concerned NCOs preparing themselves and their subordinates for promotion. According to Chief Master Sgt. James Woods, 94th Airlift Wing command chief, leadership at the Air Education and Training Command is only willing to let the sharpest NCOs join the Top Three. "They will only accept the most qualified and dedicated individuals because they understand the importance of how the Top Three members mentor younger troops," said Woods.

The following issues were discussed:

- * Sponsoring a youth mentoring program. By teaming reservists with youths in the community, the program is intended to help youngsters and promote the role of the military in the community.

- * Recognizing the importance of Enlisted Performance Reports and how they effect promotions. The reports are now part of PEP packages.

- * Determining what kinds of mementos should be given to departing officers.

- * Only 175 of the 400 senior NCOs at Dobbins have paid dues this year.

- * Fundraising.

- * Supporting the Lakeside recreation room.

"Senior NCOs have more of an effect on this organization on a day to day basis than I'll ever have," said Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander, who gave the new sergeants their oaths. "The example they set directly correlates to the performance and moral of the troops. Senior NCOs are part of the heart and soul of America. The dedication and hard work they put forth is reminiscent of the values that made this country great." The group presented Kane with a coin rack to show their appreciation for his support.



March UTA Schedule

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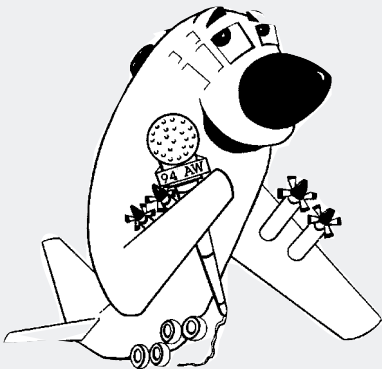
TIME	FLT	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0700-0830	A&B	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730-0800	A	WING ELEMENT STAFF MTG	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0730-0900	A	NEWCOMERS INTRO	BLDG 838/WCR
0800	A	M16A2 RIFLE TNG (SFS)	CATM RANGE
0830	A	OUTPROCESSING	BLDG 838/RM 2406
		APVD REASGNMTS/RETIREMENTS/SEPARATIONS)	
0900-1500	A	NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0900-1100	A&B	NBCWD (REFRESHER TNG)(CEX)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0930	A	TDY OUTPROCESSING 30+DAYS	BLDG 838/RM 2406
		& ALL FORMAL SCHOOL TOURS (BRING ORDERS)	
0930-1030	A	OJT MANAGERS MTG (DPMT)	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1000-1100	A	QTRLY PCIII WORKERS GP	BLDG 827/RM 208B
		(MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	
1030	A	RETIREMENT BRIEFING	BLDG 838/RM 2406
1100-1200	A	FIRST SERGEANTS GP MTG	BLDG 922/94SVS
1230-1500	B	MASK FIT (80APS)	
	A&B	OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICALS	TEMPORARILY CANCELLED
1300-1500	A&B	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1300-1500	A	NBCWD (REFRESHER TNG)(CEX)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1500-1600	A	DEPLOYMENT MGRS MTG(XP)	BLDG 838/WCR
1600	A	RETREAT (CC) UNIT: 94AES	BLDG 922/FRONT

(A FLT) SUNDAY, 3 MARCH 2002

(B FLT) SUNDAY, 10 MARCH 2002

TIME	FLT	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0645-0730	A&B	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730	A&B	PHYSICAL EXAMS (AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0730	A	M9 PISTOL TNG (SFS)	CATM RANGE
0800-1100	A&B	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
0800	A&B	PHYSICAL EXAMS (NON-AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0830	A&B	OUTPROCESSING	BLDG 922/RM 205
		APVD REASGNMTS/RETIREMENTS/SEPARATIONS)	
0830-1100	A	MASK FIT (APS/AES/ASTS)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0900-1000	A	FAM READINESS UNIT POC MTG	BLDG 838/RM 2313
0900-1000	A&B	YELLOW FEVER SHOTS	NAVY CLINIC
0900-1000		CHIEFS GROUP MTG (PA)	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0900-1200	A&B	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
0930	A&B	TDY OUTPROCESSING 30+DAYS	BLDG 922/RM 205
		& ALL FORMAL SCHOOL TOURS (BRING ORDERS)	
1000	A	IG COMPLAINTS	BLDG 838/RM 2105
1000-1030		ENL ADVISOR COUNCIL MTG (SEA)	BLDG 838/WCR
1000-1100	A	30-DAY RECORD REVIEW	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1030	A&B	RETIREMENT BRIEFING	BLDG 922/RM 205
1130	A	CMDR'S WORKING LUNCH	COM (MARIETTA RM)
1230-1500	A	MASK FIT (APS/AES/ASTS)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1300-1400	A	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1500	A&B	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
1300-1530	A	MILITARY EO	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1315-1400	A	QTRLY SUPERVISOR SAFETY TNG	BLDG 744/
		(MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	2ND FL TNG RM
1500-1600	A	QTRLY NEWCMRS MTG (94AW/CC)	CONSOL OPEN MESS
		(JAN/APR/JUL/OCT)	

Herk Wonders



“What historic female’s actions have inspired you over the years?”

“Sharon Christa McAuliffe, one of the first female astronauts, showed me anyone could accomplish their goals if they worked hard enough.”

Staff Sgt. Charlie Cotton, 80th Aerial Port Squadron, Aerial Technician

“I’ve really been inspired by the poetry of Maya Angelou over the years.”

Capt. Belinda Warren, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Staff Development Nurse

“Harriet Tubman. She fought for what she believed in and she was willing to die for what she believed in. We are faced with that today and we have to be willing to die for what we believe in.”

Tech. Sgt. Sharon Richardson, 94th Airlift Wing, Plans

“Rosa Parks, if it wasn’t for her African Americans would not be able to sit where they want on the bus. She started a movement that is continuing to this day.”

Airman 1st Class Elisha Reese, 94th Mission Support Squadron, personnel clerk

Want to see the UTA schedule sooner? The most current issue of the Minuteman is always available online one week prior to the UTA. Access -- http://www.afrc.af.mil/22AF/94aw/pa_minute-man.asp

Friday dinner buffets

Thank goodness Friday buffets are back at the Dobbins Consolidated Club. The Club has a variety of buffets. The March schedule includes:

March 1 — seafood buffet, member price \$16.95 non-member price \$19.95;

March 8 — Italian buffet, member price \$16.95 and non-members \$19.95;

March 15 — Cajun Buffet, member price \$11.95 and non-members price \$15.95;

March 22 — Mexican Buffet, member Price \$10.95 and non-member price \$13.95. Dinner is served from 6 - 10 p.m., with music and dancing. Each night, prime rib and chicken supreme are available. To make reservations, call the club at (770) 919-4594.

Reservist Appreciation Night

Reservists can join the fun at the Dobbins Consolidated Club on March 2 with great food, karaoke and prizes. This event begins at 4:30 p.m. and is free to Consolidated Club members and only costs guests and non-members \$5. A one-year membership to the club and other prizes will be given away. For more information, call (770) 919-4594.

Easter Buffet

Join the Dobbins Consolidated Club for an Easter Buffet on March 29. The club will be serving a scrumptious buffet for your dining pleasure. The buffet begins at 11:00 a.m. and the last reservation will be at 2:00p.m. The buffet costs \$12.95 per member and \$15.95 per non-member. Reservations are required, so call (770) 919-4594 to make yours.

Hawaiian Luau

On March 29, the Dobbins Consolidated Club will be turned into a tropical paradise. There will be lots of party favors and Hawaiian dancing. The buffet begins at 6 p.m. and is \$16.95 for members and \$19.95 non-members. To reserve your seat in paradise, call (770) 919-4594.

Free aerobics

The Dobbins ARB fitness program is now offering free aerobics Tuesdays-Thursdays at the Lakeside Facility, Building 537. Class schedules are 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Contact Fred Engel at (770) 919-4870 for more information.

On the run eating

The Verhulst Hall Dining facility introduces the "Meals To Go Window." During UTA lunches, call the menu line at (770) 919-3872 to find out what is on the lunch menu and then fax your order to (770) 919-3430. Be sure to include your name and unit. If you do not have access to a fax machine, you can also place orders at the window. Each individual must be present to sign for his or her meal. Multiple orders for pick up by a single person cannot be handled through the window. The window is

located at the rear of the dining facility, across from the billeting office.

Laundry facility

Come to the new laundry facility at the Rental Center, Building 558, and wash your clothes for only \$1 per wash and \$1 per dry. Laundry detergent and fabric softener are available for purchase. Operating hours are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Contact Fred Engel at (770) 919-4870 for more information.

Morale calls

Dobbins has a new automated system to assist DoD military personnel when TDY to contact local families without the assistance of the base operator. Called the "Morale Minder," the system is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. All calls are limited by DoD directives to 15 minutes.

Use the following information during your TDY to access local numbers (area codes 770, 678 and 404 only). There is no automated system, nor approval for long-distance calls. All government communications are subject to monitoring. Instructions for using Morale Minder:

* Morale Minder can only be accessed from DSN, by dialing 625-1110.

* After dialing DSN 625-1110, enter the Dobbins menu.

* Press (1) to place an off-base official or morale call. This gives you instructions on how to place a call.

* Press (1) again. This gives you the time limit of the call.

* Press (1) again. This gives you access for dialing your number.

When placing a call, you can only dial a 10-digit number (example: 770-919-5714) or whatever local area code you need. For toll-free numbers, you still dial 10-digits (example: 800-555-1212).

If you have any questions, call Otis Sampson at (770) 919-5714.

Deserving Airman promotion

A Deserving Airman promotion board will be held for the position of Intelligence Officer. Applicants must be able to obtain and maintain a top secret clearance and will be required to attend a nine-month technical school in addition to a six-week officer course. Applications must include: 1 copy of your military resume; 1 copy of your civilian resume; 1 copy of your Air Force Officer Qualification Test scores; 1 copy of your college transcripts and any letters of recommendation you wish to submit. Submit all applications to: 94 MSS/DPMSC (Wing Career Assistance Advisor), 1430 First Street, Dobbins ARB, Ga. 30069-5001 no later than noon on May 4. Interviews will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 5 in Bldg. 600, room A208. Interviewees should wear a Class A uniform.

Leadership development

The Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Development Program is intended to help NCOs improve their leadership skills and gain tools that will assist in handling current AFRC issues. The NCOLDP is a 10-day course, which explores college level academic and leader-

ship instruction and the application of those concepts to current Air Force issues. While the program targets staff sergeants and technical sergeants, senior airmen and master sergeants looking for an effective leadership course can attend the program. The next opportunity to attend this 10-day program at Dobbins will be June 3 - 14. In order to attend this session, a request signed by your commander must be submitted to the base training manager, Tech. Sgt. Angie Cooper. The deadline for submitting an application for the June class is close of business Saturday of the May UTA. Call (770) 919-5043 for more information.

How to use the American Red Cross

If you are away from home on military duty and a life-threatening illness, accident or death occurs to a close family member, the American Red Cross needs specific information from your family in order for them to request your return home. According to the Atlanta-area ARC they need:

- * Your full name, rank, and Social Security number
- * Your complete duty station address and if you are deployed, that address also.
- * The name and phone number of your commander or first sergeant is helpful
- * The specific nature of the family emergency
- * The diagnosis/prognosis from a physician, along with a recommendation that you need to return home

At that point, it is up to the military to decide if you can return home. Please keep in mind that these requests are for emergency purposes only. If the situation is not life threatening and other help is available to assist your family, then they need to use those resources to get through the emergency.

Make sure your family has the ARC number readily available before any emergency arises. For the greater Atlanta area, the ARC number that your family can use for military member-related emergencies is (404) 758-1306. There is also a nationwide ARC number available from anywhere in the country. That toll-free number is (877) 272-7337. The ARC website is www.redcross.org.



94th AW HONOR GUARD

Current events have generated a need for stronger military presence on our home front in defense of freedom. As military members our responsibility is to ensure the citizens of the United States are secure in their homeland and confident in their military.

Help the 94th AW Honor Guard proudly represent the Air Force with strength and commitment performing in the community.

JOIN THE 94TH AW HONOR GUARD!

COLORS: On Call = 1 RPA day and 1 Retirement point
HONORS: Continuous = 139 MPA Mandays with the possibility of an extension to 179 and 351 Mandays



For more information contact:

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AFRC Honor Guard Program
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Life is a work in progress

By Chaplain Timothy M. Broughton
Base Chapel

Recently I read a book entitled *Work in Progress*, by Michael Eisner, CEO of Walt Disney Company. The book tells the story of Eisner's career, beginning with his entry into the entertainment industry in a low-level, low-paying job. It goes on to tell how he expanded the Disney Company from a struggling theme-park company into a multimedia giant and trendsetter in movies, television, radio, theater and even cyberspace. Observing the life of Eisner, one could easily conclude that his life works were all but complete. However, Eisner makes a shocking and compelling statement at the close of the text. "I spend far less time looking back in regret than I do looking forward with anticipation. There is so much to be done." Amazingly, with all of his achievements, Eisner considers himself a work in progress. His message should ring as a declaration of hope to all of us. We are just that; a work in progress, which means that we should all have a vision for growth.

Thus, have you had a vision for growth lately? Have you had visions for your life, your career, your relationships, your family or even your health? And if not, why not? Are you allowing disappointments, heartbreaks and failures to dry up your visioning stream? Or are you con-

tent with what you have already accomplished and feel that you have gone about as far as you can go? Is the theme of your life "work completed" instead of "work in progress?"

In order to grow we must know what growth is not. To be a work in progress, we have to know the direction of progress. Spiritually speaking, growth is life that comes from within and flows out. In other words, we grow not from outside in, but from inside out. Growth is a matter not improving the wrapping or the packaging but the product. In addition to inside out, the direction of growth must also be forward. Someone has correctly observed that, between the airplane and every other form of transportation there is one great contrast. All forms of transportation can come to a standstill when facing danger. They can all reverse their engines or their power and go back. But there is no reverse on the engine of an airplane. It cannot back up. It dare not stand still. If it loses its momentum and forward drive, then it crashes. The only safety for an airplane is in its forward and upward motion. It is the same for us. As leaders, family members, coworkers and neighbors, the only safe direction in life is to move forward and upward. If we stop, or begin to slip and go backwards, at that moment we are in danger. No matter who we are or what our circumstances are, we should never stop envisioning growth.

Services needs your input

Customer feedback survey may be in your mailbox

Air Force Services has a long history of dedicated service to Air Force personnel. Services programs are a critical part of the Air Force readiness equation. These programs contribute to readiness and productivity by promoting fitness, esprit de corps, and quality of life for Air Force people and their families. The goal of the Services director and staff is to be their customers preferred choice for community programs and services.

To accomplish this goal, Services needs your input. You as the customer can provide important information needed to assess how well Services is meeting its quality service objectives. Your opportunity for input may appear in your mailbox during the next few weeks in the form of the Air Force Services Customer Feedback Survey. If you are one of the individuals randomly selected to receive a survey, you will be asked about how satisfied you are with the Services programs and activities (some activities in the survey are not offered at Dobbins Services). The survey has been reviewed and approved for distribution by the Air Force Personnel Survey Branch at the Air Force Personnel Center. Its survey control number is USAF SCN 98-45.

Take the time to fill out and return the survey. Help your Services staff make a difference in the programs they offer you, your family, and to the entire Dobbins Services community. If you have any questions, contact your Services marketing representative, Julie L. McKinney at (770) 919-4975.



Lt. Col. Heath Nuckolls (right) assumed command of the 94th Operations Group during ceremonies held at Dobbins ARB in February. Brig. Gen. William P. Kane (left), 94th Airlift Wing commander, Col. James Stewart (center), outgoing 94th Operations Group commander, and Command Chief Master Sgt. James Woods (back) participated in the ceremony. (Photo by Don Peek)



Elected for two-year terms, the new Top-Three Officers are from left: Chaplain, Master Sgt. Mike Hensley, 622nd Regional Support Group, Training Support NCOIC; Secretary, Master Sgt. Victoria Welch, 80th Aerial Port Squadron, Resource Management assistant; Treasurer, Senior Master Sgt. Kathy Cook, 22nd Air Force Officer Enhancement Programs chief; Vice President, Master Sgt. Geambro Anderson, Unit Training Technician 80th APS; and President, Senior Master Sgt. Mark Young, 22nd Air Force/LGRSF Fuels/Environmental chief. (Photo by Don Peek)

Newly Assigned

Capt. Donald L. Rose
Lt. Patrick Simmons
Tech. Sgt. Donna Bibbs
Tech. Sgt. Peter A. Kowalski
Tech. Sgt. Tammy Patten
Staff Sgt. Edward Dearborn
Staff Sgt. Thomas Vidamour
Senior Airman Shaquan S. Ensley
Senior Airman Laronda V. Givens
Senior Airman Richard Hutchinson
Senior Airman Rufus Jones, Jr.
Senior Airman Catherine O'Mara
Senior Airman Arrik V. Williams
Airman 1st Class Tina Bray
Airman 1st Class Rose M. Eskridge

AFPC Contact Center changes toll-free number

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER -The Air Force's Contact Center here has changed its toll-free number to handle an expected increase in workload as new services for airmen come online.

Anyone with personnel-related inquiries should now call 1-866-229-7074 (the DSN number, 665-2949, has not changed) or visit the contact center web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/CallCenter/call-center.htm>. The most common calls to the contact center concern pay problems, return to service, information about emergency operations, the Korean War Service Medal, sexual harassment complaints, general personnel programs and more.

"This change is part of getting ready for the expanded Virtual Military Personnel Flight customer service platform that will be released Feb. 22," said Lt. Col. David Zeh, chief of the Air Force Contact Center.

The contact center, which handles basic inquiries for more than 80 personnel subject areas, handled more than 80,000 calls and e-mails last year. That number includes more than 34,000 calls from Korean War veterans and more than 3,900 calls from people with pay problems.

"All calls and e-mails receive personal attention from one of our 12 agents," said Zeh. "Each customer can expect to have an answer within a day or two."

People who are unable to get through to an agent may e-mail their inquiries to afpc.dpsfm@randolph.af.mil <<mailto:afpc.dpsfm@randolph.af.mil>>. E-mails are handled in a similar manner - with people receiving a reply within two days.

"We take each inquiry seriously," said Master Sgt. David Melnick, superintendent of the Air Force Contact Center. "It doesn't matter if it comes over the phone or by e-mail, we will do our best to get something back to the customer."

The contact center's operating hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST.

The contact center's hours are planned to expand by the end of the month to provide additional customer service support. After hours, a phone message can be left and an agent will follow-up the next day.

Her radiant smile will be dearly missed

By Chief Master Sgt. Betty Petrie
628th Civil Engineer Flight

With sad hearts, fond memories, and tears and laughter, the family and friends of Master Sgt. Mary Rose Robinson said goodbye to an unforgettable lady on Saturday, Feb. 9. Touching personal testimonials from family and friends were part of the services at New Mountain Top Baptist Church in Winston, Ga., followed by full military honors at Forest Hills Cemetery in Atlanta. Among those attending were more than 50 past and current members of the 94th Airlift Wing, 94th Support Group, 94th Civil Engineer Squadron, Dobbins Top 3 Association and Dobbins Chiefs Group. The 94th AW Honor Guard provided military honors, assisted by Maj. (USAFR Ret) Andy Addison, former 94th CES member, playing taps. Mary's husband, Chief Master Sgt. Edward G. Robinson, is the Civil Engineer manager at the 94th CES. Among Mary's awards and decorations are the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal and several other individual and unit awards.

Mary joined the Air Force Reserve

on July 22, 1975 at Dobbins AFB. She spent more than 20 of her 26 years of service with the 94th CES, first in administration, then converting to personnel specialist in March 1987 with the arrival of PC-III. In June 2000, she was the by-name selection to fill the newly created 94th Support Group Career Assistance Advisor position, serving all five of the Support Group units. Master Sgt. David Pritchard, wing career assistance advisor, remembers her "personable smile that...made you feel welcomed, comfortable, and right at home" — good traits for someone whose job is to deal with people's career problems and questions.

Mary's military family repeated a common theme when asked for their memories, saying her kindness, honesty, commitment to excellence, sense of humor, and a luminous, 1,000-megawatt smile lit up hearts from Atlanta to Europe. One former reservist and long-time friend said of Mary, "She never tried to be perfect at anything, but she was good at everything!" Mary manifested high standards in everything she did, be it her military career, her civilian job or her classes at Mercer University, where she was pursuing a Business Management degree and was routinely on the President's and Dean's

List.

List.

Former 94th CES First Sergeant Master Sgt. (USAF Ret) Jean Crawford remembers Mary's reaction when she was introduced to bivouacs. "Mary said, 'No way. I won't go,' right up until the day we left. She said, 'I don't like the outdoors, I don't like bugs and sleeping in tents.' But then she jumped right into the fray, with one eye on organizing things and the other peeled for bugs." Sometime during the night, she "was bitten by a spider and woke up swollen, sick and ready to quit." Mary nevertheless participated in 20-plus years of bivouacs and outdoor civil engineer

wartime training with as much enthusiasm as she applied to everything she was involved with.

As a senior NCO, Master Sgt. Robinson didn't hesitate to speak up when she thought her military co-workers needed a little attitude or uniform adjustment. No slouch herself, she was particularly

observant of how other women adhered to uniform standards and didn't hesitate to gently point out uniform infractions to others. Childhood friend Lynda Mickell credits Mary for being supportive and always "encouraging me to be myself and realizing my own potential." She did the same for her military family by getting to know

people, learning their desires and goals, and helping or encouraging them to find ways to realize their dreams.

Mary can't be adequately described with ordinary adjectives like excellent, good, honest, sweet, or beautiful, although she was all that and more. Rev. Forrest J. Saffo, Mary's pastor, summed it up perfectly when he described her presence at church. He said, "I can see her now, sitting on my right in the fourth row, near the aisle. I noted her presence not because she was vocal,

and not because she made large gestures, but because of the sheer radiance of her personality." Perfectly said.

Some of the radiance is gone from the lives of Mary's family, friends, co-workers and military associates, but she will never be forgotten by any who were fortunate enough to have known her.



Master Sgt. Mary Rose Robinson

Construction begins on assault landing strip

By Staff Sgt. Brannen Parrish
Public Affairs

Construction on a new landing strip that will improve training opportunities for active duty, Guard and Reserve aircrews officially began at Dobbins Air Reserve Base during an official groundbreaking ceremony at 10 a.m. on Jan. 28.

The \$6.2 million project, which has been in the planning stage for several years, will aid the Formal Training Unit in accomplishing its mission as a training unit.

The completed ALS will consist of a 3,500 by 60 foot landing zone that will allow C-130H aircraft to practice take-offs and landings in limited distance airfields. The ALS will be complete in one year and will allow aircrews to perform take-offs and landings in condi-

tions encountered in forward operating locations.

"One of the key elements in the C-130 business is the ability to land on short airstrips," said Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing, commander. "This will greatly enhance our ability to practice on short airfields."

The main runway at Dobbins is 10,000 feet long — nearly three times the length of the airfield under construction.

Although pilots could theoretically practice their landings on the current airfield, they don't get the benefit of realistic training.

"There is a psychological effect of landing on a short airfield that a pilot doesn't get from landing on a 10,000 foot runway," said Kane.

Also present for the event was U.S. Representative Bob Barr of Georgia's 7th District. Barr concurred with Kane on the need for realistic training.

"The C-130 excels in getting you into the

most inhospitable territory and it does a great job of getting you out," said Barr. "It's important that we give our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines realistic training."

The new airfield will benefit the schoolhouse here logistically because in the past aircrews have had to travel as far away as Arkansas to practice on assault landing strips. Although Dobbins will have increased runway space, the local community will not be affected significantly.

"There won't be any additional air traffic from the assault landing strip," said Kane.



The first patches of soil are broken signifying the official construction of Dobbins Assault Landing Strip. The \$6.2 million project should be completed in a little over a year. The ALS will allow aircrews to practice take-offs and landings on limited space airfields. (Photo by Don Peek)



Rep. Bob Barr of Georgia's 7th Congressional District discusses the importance of realistic uninterrupted training during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Dobbins Assault Landing Strip. (Photo by Don Peek)